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Update on the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the Board of Auditors (A/53/5/Add.10)

Report of the Executive Director

I. Purpose

1. The present report contains an update of the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 1997 (A/53/5/Add.10). It should be reviewed in conjunction with the report of the Executive Director to the Executive Board at its annual session 1999 (DP/1999/24), which contained the detailed report on the implementation of the recommendations.

2. The Executive Director is pleased to report that recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 contained in the annex to document DP/1999/24 relating to procurement; recommendations 5 and 6 relating to the evaluation of international consultants and the appraisal of staff; recommendations 8 and 9 relating to year 2000 compliance; and recommendation 10 relating to reporting fraud have all received appropriate attention by UNOPS and the actions have been taken, as reported in document DP/1999/24. Additionally, the Executive Director will continue to monitor such actions.

3. The implementation of recommendation 7 relating to financial reporting, which stated that "UNOPS should identify the shortcomings of the present financial reports, establish the key information required, and decide on the form and frequency of the reports (para. 72)" is being delayed to later in 2000. UNOPS has made an exceptional effort to implement Release 3 of the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), which replaces the previous general ledger system. The effort of getting complete and accurate data into IMIS has been more demanding and time-consuming than was originally anticipated. Basic reporting on 1999 financial activities has remained limited. Until the systems and interfaces that feed IMIS with

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information and transactions from the field are in place and until the backlog of 1999 data has been liquidated, financial reporting will continue to be limited. Improved reporting tools have been installed that will complement the reporting functionality available in IMIS. However, a full suite of reporting systems is not expected to be in place until 2001, as indicated in document DP/1999/24.

II. Executive Board action

4. The Executive Board may wish to:

(a) Take note of the present report (DP/2000/26);

(b) Request the Executive Director to provide the Executive Board, at its annual session 2001, with an overview of the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for the biennium ended 31 December 1999.